

Earth Day 2006

News Release

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RHODE ISLANDERS INVITED TO PARTICIPATE IN EARTH DAY CLEANUPS

Several Scheduled for April 22nd in Kent County

PROVIDENCE - The Department of Environmental Management and the Earth Day Rhode Island Committee encourage all Rhode Islanders to roll up their sleeves and join a neighborhood cleanup in celebration of Earth Day 2006. More than 100 cleanups are planned throughout the state during April. Cleanups scheduled for Saturday, April 22nd in Kent County include:

- ◆ **Coventry** – Meet: Coventry Public Works at 9am. For more information contact Dennis Smith 822-9111 or dsmith@town.coventry.ri.us. Sponsored by the Town of Coventry.
- ◆ **Exeter**- Meet: WPWA Headquarters, 203 B Arcadia Rd. at 9am. For more information contact Danielle Avbe 539-9017 or danielle@wpwa.org. Sponsored by the Wood Pawcatuck Watershed Association.
- ◆ **Exeter** – Meet: Boone Lake at 8am. For more information contact Joe Fulford 465-5115 or joef@jancompanies.com. Sponsored by Boone lake Improvement Association.
- ◆ **West Greenwich** - Meet: Big River Field Office, Nooseneck Hill Rd. at 8am. For more information contact Bob Zuleger 397-6641 or BobZPainting@webtv.net. Sponsored by Friends of Big River.
- ◆ **West Greenwich**- Meet: Park and ride Exit 6A 95 N & S at 8:30am. For more information contact Lori Bellavance 397-6468 or loribellavance@cox.net. Sponsored by the West Greenwich Conservation Commission.
- ◆ **West Warwick**- Meet: Rear Parking Lot - Centerville Bank at 8:30am. For more information contact Michael Jordan 374-7120 or sunrisegroup@aol.com. Sponsored by the Artic Village Association.
- ◆ **West Warwick**- Meet: 32 River Ave at 10am. For more information contact John Lancellotta 823-9191. Sponsored by the West Warwick Jaycees of Kent County

The Earth Day Rhode Island Committee will host Rhode Island's Earth Day Festival on Saturday, April 22nd from 10am-5pm at the Warwick Mall. Free Transportation to the Earth Day Festival from Kennedy Plaza to Warwick Mall on RIPTA routes 22 & 30. Ask for you free ride Earth Day sticker at the Kennedy Plaza Information Booth while supplies last. Spend the day with environmental organizations focused on a wide range of global and local conservation issues and learn how to practice environmental stewardship in your own backyard to positively impact the earth. There will be informative displays and hands-on exhibits, free give-a-ways and family entertainment – featuring an appearance by Ponaganset High School Fuel Cell Powered Band - Protium, free give-a-ways, Big Nazo characters and more. Meet NBC 10 Meteorologist Dylan Dryer at 10:30 am.

Earth Day in Rhode Island is coordinated by Earth Day RI and DEM. Co-sponsors include Warwick Rhode Island, NBC 10, RI Resource Recovery Corporation, Rhode Island Public Transit Authority, Verizon, TransCanada's Ocean State Power facility, Amgen, American Power Conversion, CVS Pharmacy, Waste Xpress, AAA of Southern New England, and RI State Energy Office.

Earth Day RI supports and promotes year round environmental education and awareness in the Ocean State. The organization encourages Rhode Islanders to raise their environmental consciousness by committing to "Take 3" steps to improve their environment. "Take 3" is a call to action which suggests dozens of ways to save energy, conserve water, reduce waste and respect nature. For further information about Take 3 and other Earth Day RI-sponsored programs and activities, please visit www.earthdayri.org.